Foreign investment in heavy industries

675. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 49 industries being given protection by the Department of Heavy Industry, in the country.

(b) if so, what is amount invested in these industries by the end of March, 1992; and

(c) what was the amount of foreign loan in the above investment on which interest has to be paid together with the amount of interest paid annually; and

(d) what was the amount of net average profit received every year from these industries during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Public Sector Undertakings under the Department of Heavy Industry are functioning as per the policies being announced by the Government from time to time.

(b) The investment (Gross Block) made in these Undertakings is Rs. 5200 Crores (approx.) as on 31-3-1992.

(c) & (d) : Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Revival of Bengal Potteries Ltd.

676. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India with the help of Sigma Consultancy has drawn up a revival plan for Bengal potteries Limited; and

(b) if so, the details of the said plan and Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. At the request of the Government, the Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) prepared a comprehensive scheme for rehabilitation for Bangal Potteries Limited. The IRBI has reported that it took the assistance of Sigma Consultants to evaluate the condition of existing plant and equipment and to assess the market potential various ceramic products as well as on other techno-economic issues.

(b) The rehabilitation scheme drawn up by the IRBI has, among other things, recommended write-off of past liabilities, or their conversion into zero rated non-redeemable debentures, rationalisation of man power and identification of an entrepreneur who may be willing to take over the company. Government of India has written to the Government of West Bengal to identify a suitable entrepreneur willing to take over the company and bring in the required amount of promoter's contribution.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कागज और कागज के गत्ते की मांग

677. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री विठ्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कागज और कागज के गत्ते की मांग में वृद्धि होने की संभावना है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस बढ़ती हुई मांग को पूरा करने के लिए कागज के गत्ते के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने हेतु क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं; और

(ग) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कागज मिल और कागज के गत्ते के एककों के विस्तार के लिए तैयार की गई योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

उद्योग मंत्रालय (औद्योगिक विकास विभाग) में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) से (ग) आठवीं योजना अवधि (1996-97) के अंत तक कागज और गत्ते की मांग बढ़कर 29 लाख मी. टन हो जाने